

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

CHIEN HO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/986,666

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: LOW OXYGEN AFFINITY MUTANT

HEMOGLOBINS

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: K. Carlson

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to extend the term for response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 for two (2) months to and including September 9, 2003, which date is within the six month maximum response time afforded by 35 U.S.C. § 133.

A check in the amount of \$205.00 is attached to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17'(a)(2) for "response within second month" by a small entity. The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0582 for any

deficiency in the fee associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this document is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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